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THE LONDON "OVER THE TOP"

BITTER STRUGGLE IS RAGING FOR GRINDING VICTORY TO ENEMY; MAGNIFICENT BATTERY WORK BREAKS UP HUNN DEFENCES

Early Stages of Battle of Menin Favorable
To British, and Full Success Will Mean
One of Greatest Achievements of the War.

British Headquarters in France and Belgium, Sept. 20.—(By the Associated Press.)—Field Marshal Haig's offensive, which was begun at dawn this morning on the Belgian battlefield, is proceeding with marked success, especially in the crucial sector between the Ypres-Roulers railway and Holbeke.

A bitter fight is in progress in the neighborhood of Inverness, Cope, Nun's Wood and Honcourt. If the attacks maintain the positions to which they have advanced in this section they have accomplished one of the most remarkable and most important achievements in recent months.

A Desperate Resistance.
The German line is making a most determined resistance to retain this vital ground, and the British artillery is retaliating heavily against the British guns. Today's offensive, which was begun at dawn this morning on the Belgian battlefield, is proceeding with marked success, especially in the crucial sector between the Ypres-Roulers railway and Holbeke.

U. S. SOLDIERS WRECK
LOS ANGELES OFFICE
OF THE INDUSTRIALS

Methodically Destroy Furniture, Paper and Equipment
At Headquarters.

Los Angeles, Sept. 20.—A crowd of soldiers, variously estimated at from two to four hundred, wrecked the headquarters of the Industrial Workers of the World here late last night. Typewriters and furniture were broken, windows smashed and movables destroyed. There were no reported casualties.

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AMERICAN SCHOONER IS
HELD BY WASHINGTON ON
CHARGE OF AIDING ENEMY

A Gulf Port, Sept. 19.—Seizure of the American schooner Gold Fields, near this port, and the subsequent arrest of its crew on charges of aiding the enemy, was made by agents of the Federal government today. It became known here tonight that the schooner, which was with the exception of the skipper, are said to be Spaniards. Agents of the navy, the vessel was suspected of supplying oil to German submarines, while en route from a Southern European port to this port.

The Gold Fields ran aground off this harbor last Sunday, after which federal agents, it is known, were present in American waters. A preliminary examination of the crew of the ship followed, the results of which are not disclosed. Late today a formal charge of "aiding the enemy" was made against the crew.

According to reports, naval forces have been on the lookout for several weeks for a vessel said to have left a European port about five weeks ago with a contraband cargo. Whether the Gold Fields was the vessel for which the federal authorities have been watching was not learned.

8,000 LAKES SEAMEN
TAKING REFERENDUM
OVER STRIKE QUESTION

Chicago, Sept. 20.—The referendum on a strike of 8,000 Great Lakes seamen against the government, which was to be held yesterday, according to assertions by Chicago leaders, has been postponed. The referendum was to be held on the 20th, but it was postponed because of the strike of the Lake Carriers' Association before the referendum was held.

TO TIGHTEN BLOCKADE.
London, Sept. 19.—Lord Robert Cecil, British Minister of Blockade, and Albert Metin under-secretary of the French Foreign Office, in charge of the blockade matters, had a conference here yesterday, with the object of getting closer co-operation with the United States in a policy which aims at exerting more direct pressure on the enemy. This policy will be carried out without interference with the economic condition of neutral countries.

LABOR ORATORS INSIST WEALTH BE CONSCRIPTED LIKE MAN POWER

Hot Exchanges in Debate Over
Service Bill at Ottawa
Convention.

DELEGATE DEAN FOR IT

London Representative Advises
Acceptance of Military
Service Law.

Delegate J. A. Murphy (Ottawa)—"For 57 years I have enjoyed the protection of the British flag and British nation, and I know now that there is no power on earth that can take it away from me. They have I stand on the question of conscription. Someone referred to mobs. I do not think that there is any likelihood of this occurring. I still desire to hold allegiance to my country and her principles—and to keep connected with the Empire. I still prefer Lloyd George to Bethmann. Holweg—and King George to Kaiser Wilhelm. If you agree with me on this—then we stand together—if not, then I stand alone. This is a serious question, and there will likely be a lot of discussion and 'gas' before it is finished. But as far as I am concerned, I am prepared to stand by the history of the past."

Ottawa, Sept. 20.—When the session of the trades and labor congress opened this morning a motion that the election of officers be set for the first business to be transacted tomorrow morning was put and lost.

Upon the resumption of the debate upon the conscription bill, the London representative of the Trades Union of Great Britain, J. A. Murphy, proposed the following amendment to the executive committee's report, which was seconded by Delegate Alex. Ross, M. P., of Calgary.

"That all words after existence in the thirteenth line of the section of the executive committee's report be deleted, and the words 'and the' be inserted."

LONDON MILLS MAKE
WAR-BREAD FLOUR AT
BIG SAVING IN WHEAT

76 Per Cent and 81 Per Cent
Extraction Being Milled.

MEANS CHEAPER COST
Housewives Could Purchase
War Flour 10 Cents Less
Per Barrel at Least.

Flour for the manufacture of war bread is being milled right along in this city, though it has not yet been turned out for export purposes, though in view of the interest awakened in food conservation, it is probable that "76 per cent extraction" and "81 per cent extraction" which are now obtainable, will soon be in demand by local housewives.

A visitor to St. Thomas this week reports eating bread there made of 76 per cent extraction flour and finding it only a little darker than the ordinary flour bread, sweet and very good indeed. The flour would save about a cent a bushel, or about a cent a barrel, if it were used.

The flour turned out by local mills which is in general use is a 65 to 67 per cent extraction flour. On this basis, it is estimated that a barrel of flour would save about a cent a bushel, or about a cent a barrel, if it were used.

Charles R. Hunt, manager of Hunt Bros., estimates that a saving is effected of twenty to twenty-five per cent on wheat to a barrel of flour, according to the amount of wheat used, or about a third of a bushel of wheat to a barrel of flour in milling the 81 per cent extraction flour. The use of flour with 76 or 81 per cent extraction would consequently go a long way towards conservation of wheat and making up the shortage of British and her allies.

Real War Economy.
"Would the general use of this higher per cent extraction wheat flour be good economy in Canada, in view of the need of flour and shorts for feeding stock," was asked of Mr. Hunt.

"In view of the large out and corn, the bran and shorts won't be required to the same extent," he replied.

The price side of the question was brought up by Mr. Dexter, who is milling wheat for export. He stated that the 76 per cent extraction flour would cost 10 to 15 cents more than the 65 to 67 per cent extraction flour.

A PUPIL IN PRUSSIANISM



QUEBEC SPAN ON LAST LINK; MAY BE SET THIS AFTERNOON

Quebec, Sept. 20.—The central span of the Quebec bridge was put on its last hoisting link at 10:30, sixty-four hoists of two feet each having been made.

Quebec, Sept. 20.—A 25-mile-an-hour wind held up the operations in connection with the raising of the central span of the Quebec bridge, which had only thirty more feet to travel, when the engineers took their places at the raising jacks this morning.

For several hours a careful watch was kept on the span to see if the wind caused it to swing, which would make it dangerous to continue lifting.

LATER.
The tests reassured the engineers, and it was decided to go on with the lifting at 9 o'clock. The jacks were started and the span was raised smoothly, so that two hoists were taken in 23 minutes.

It was computed by the engineers that if this rate of speed could be maintained the bridge should be completed this afternoon.

SWEDEN PROTESTS TO
BERLIN GOVERNMENT

Declares Confidence Grossly
Abused in Luxemburg Affair.

London, Sept. 20.—A Stockholm dispatch to Reuters says that the Swedish minister at Berlin has been instructed to protest to Germany against the Luxemburg incident, it being "confirmed that German officials seriously abused the confidence of Sweden."

CRONHOLM DENIES IT.
Mexico City, Sept. 20.—Pontus Cronholm, former attaché of the Swedish legation, in a statement to the Associated Press today, denied that General Minister von Eckhardt offered or promised him a decoration in a German order, or that he received any such decoration. Cronholm also denied that the German minister at Mexico City, in the information gathered among the enemies of his country in Mexico.

Previous to making the above statement, Cronholm had maintained silence regarding the dispatch made public by United States Secretary of State Lansing, in which Minister von Eckhardt is commended for a decoration.

EXEMPTED BY STATES;
GIVEN TO THE BRITISH

Boston, Sept. 20.—Several hundred names of men who have obtained immunity from service in the United States national army, and who are given by New England exemption boards to the British Commonwealth, are being sent to the British government.

HIGH MASON DEAD
Grand Secretary of Order in Quebec
Dies at Winnipeg.

[Special to The Advertiser.]
Montreal, Sept. 20.—Wm. H. Whyte, grand secretary for the past seventeen years of the Masonic order in the province of Quebec, died suddenly of pneumonia at Winnipeg last night, aged 67.

PROMISSORY NOTE ENDED
MONTREAL DAILY MAIL

Montreal, Sept. 20.—The Daily Mail Publishing Company has gone into liquidation, and John D. Wallace, a chartered accountant, has been appointed provisional liquidator. A promissory note for \$1,000 due to M. O'Brien, a clerk, precipitated the smash.

WALKS 173 MILES TO
ENLIST; FAILS TO PASS

Calgary, Sept. 20.—A 19-year-old boy from a farm near Leduc, Alta., ran away from home to enlist, and reached Calgary Tuesday after a 173-mile walk. He failed to pass the medical examination.

LALUMIERE COMMITTED.
Montreal, Sept. 20.—Eli Lalumiere, one of the alleged dynamite gang, was committed to the House of Correction this morning on a charge of conspiracy to commit criminal offenses. All the other alleged conspirators were committed for voluntary surrender on September 26.

The original charge against Eli Lalumiere was the attempted murder of Lord Atholstan and his wife, which was committed today to the House of Correction. Judge St. Cyr held that the evidence was not sufficient to commit Lalumiere on the charge.

A STIFF SENTENCE.
Hamilton, Sept. 20.—John Burns of Brampton, who pleaded guilty to forging a check for \$25,000, was sentenced to a check for \$25,000 in prison today. Magistrate J. J. Chamberlain sentenced Burns to 18 months in prison, but he was married to two women, both of whom are still living, and in addition was a deserter from the United States army.

HAIG SMASHES GERMANS AGAIN, TAKING VALUABLE POSITIONS; PLANS TO ISOLATE SUB BASES

THE WAR SITUATION
British Troops At Dawn Today Carried Out
a Successful Offensive To the East of Ypres.

London, Sept. 20.—The British forces on the Belgian front attacked the German positions at 5:40 o'clock this morning east of Ypres. Field Marshal Haig reports that satisfactory progress was made, and that the British already have captured some valuable positions.

The text of the British official statement announcing that Field Marshal Haig had taken the offensive this morning says:
"We attacked at 5:40 o'clock this morning on a wide front east of Ypres. Satisfactory progress is reported. Our troops already have captured some valuable positions."

The new British offensive, for which recent reports of heavy artillery bombardments, aerial activity and raids into the German lines had prepared the public, commenced at daylight this morning.

The attack was made on a wide front east of Ypres, and according to Field Marshal Haig's report, satisfactory progress was made and valuable positions captured.

This attack apparently is a continuation of the earlier offensive which was brought to a stop by bad weather and the necessity of bringing up guns for the assault which was made this morning.

The British barrage swept the country like a broom. The Germans knew the attack was coming, but were unaware of its exact location.

There was a light rain last night, but the weather cleared this morning and the visibility is improving.

CUTTING OFF SUB BASES.
Field Marshal Haig's selection of the battlefield to the east of Ypres, in Belgium, as the scene of his latest offensive against the Germans indicates that it is a continuance of the British commander-in-chief to force the armies of Crown Prince Rupprecht of Bavaria from the western coast of Belgium, and to cut off the German submarine and airplane base on the North Sea from Zebrugge to Nieuport, including Ostend.

TOWARD ROULERS.
The British drive apparently is being made in the direction of Roulers and Courtrai from which Belgian towns, according to recent dispatches from the Dutch frontier, the German military authorities have been evacuating the civilian population.

That the British offensive had been in preparation for several days was made known in recent statements of the German general staff. The Germans reported that the British were maintaining a violent and destructive fire against the Tontine positions, the bombardment frequently reaching the intensity of drumfire.

ALL RETURNED MEN KAISER HELD UP
MADE RESPONSIBLE TO
DISTRICT COMMANDER
TO PEACE NOTE

Slackness in Matters of Discipline
To Be Dealt With.

Not Yet Received by Vatican
—British Answer
Last.

Rome, Sept. 19.—Cardinal Gasparri, the papal secretary of state, tonight declared that the reply of the central powers to Pope Benedict's peace proposals had not yet been received at the Vatican. He is taken to prove that the statement recently published to the effect that the Pope had left Berlin on Saturday is untrue.

Cardinal Gasparri believes that the reply of the central powers will be received by the Vatican within a few days. When Emperor William went to Riga, the Pope's peace proposals must necessarily be taken to prove that the statement recently published to the effect that the Pope had left Berlin on Saturday is untrue.

THE WEATHER
LOCAL TEMPERATURES.
Following were the highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last night: Highest, 81; lowest, 56.

THE WEATHER
TOMORROW—PARTLY FAIR.
Forecast.
Moderate to heavy showers; some local showers, but partly fair today and on Friday, and turning a little cooler.